

## Message

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**Subject:** FW: Aquila Resources proposed mining Wetlands Permit, Stephenson, MI, U.P.

Hi Peter,

This came in while I was on paternity leave. Not sure if you have already seen it. I don't have any additional information on this, though Kathy Mayo might.

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**From:** [Redacted] Citizen Name / Ex. 6  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:52 PM  
**To:** Anson, Robie <anson.robie@epa.gov>; Mayo, Kathleen <mayo.kathleen@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Aquila Resources proposed mining Wetlands Permit, Stephenson, MI, U.P.

Dear Robie and Kathleen,

Our community fears for the loss of functions and habitats from wetlands destruction, as proposed in Aquila Resources' Michigan mining wetlands application. Please review the permit with a very fine-toothed comb. The glaring omissions, contradictions, and blatant errors should be enough for The EPA to veto this permit, thereby preventing this mine from ever operating here on the Menominee River.

One review of the permit was provided by the Center for Science in Public Participation (CSP2) which analyzes mining applications and provides objective research and technical advice to communities impacted by mining. The Wetland application includes technical information regarding wetland hydrology, direct and indirect impacts to wetlands from the proposed sulfide mine and the on-site milling operation, a compensatory wetland and stream mitigation proposal, and more. CSP2's technical review was completed by Dr. Kendra Zamzow (Ph.D., Environmental Geochemistry) and Dr. David Chambers (Ph.D., Geophysics).

Another list of concerns written by Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) Kristy Wilson shows some of the areas where Aquila's shoddy data fails to meet the necessary standards. Find her most recent letter with questions to Aquila contained right with the application on MDEQ's website containing all the permits. Just reading the things she questioned should give you enough information to veto this application.

We are counting on your expertise and judgement to veto this project. We trust you to help us Save the Menominee River.

Sincerely, [Redacted] Citizen Name / Ex. 6 P.S. Below find list of additional entities that oppose local sulfide mining as proposed by Aquila Resources:

Opposition Resolutions, or at least have publicly stated they oppose local sulfide mining.

Local Units of Government

Marinette County, Wisconsin  
 City of Marinette, Wisconsin  
 Menominee County, Wisconsin  
 Brown County, Wisconsin  
 Oconto County, WI  
 Shawano County, WI  
 Outagamie County Board of Supervisors' Meeting in Appleton 10/14/17 (32 – 0!!)  
 Marathon County, WI  
 City of Peshtigo, Wisconsin  
 Town of Amberg, WI  
 Town of Wagner, Wisconsin  
 Town of Porterfield, Wisconsin  
 Mayors of: Wausau, Stevens Point, Wisconsin Rapids 10/10/17  
 Menominee County, Michigan  
 Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin  
 Oneida Nation of Wisconsin  
 Bad River Band of Ojibwe, Wisconsin  
 Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians of Wisconsin  
 Lac du Flambeau Band of Ojibwe, Wisconsin  
 Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of Michigan  
 Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Michigan  
 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Michigan

Intertribal Organizations

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Inc. (GLITC)  
 National Congress of American Indians  
 National Indian Education Association  
 National Indian Gaming Association  
 Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST)  
 United Tribes of Michigan  
 Wisconsin Indian Education Association

Letters of Support for our Opposition from other Tribal, Environmental, Sportfishing, Faith Organizations

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority of Michigan  
 Red Cliff Band of Ojibwe, Wisconsin  
 American Rivers  
 Sierra Club, WI Chapter  
 Clean Water Action Council, Green Bay  
 Save the Wild U.P. (SWUP)  
 River Alliance of Wisconsin  
 Wisconsin Resources Protection Council  
 International Federation of Fly Fishers  
 Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance, Ltd.  
 Trout Unlimited of Wisconsin (from their Fall 2017 issue)  
 Northern Illinois Fly Tyers  
 Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, Wisconsin

WI Senator Dave Hansen-Democrat, WI State Representative Jeff Mursau-Republican, & US WI Senator Tammy Baldwin-Democrat.

***These we heard from at Public Hearing for WI House Bill to repeal Prove it 1<sup>st</sup> law:***

*Lutheran Office for Public Policy*

*Wisconsin Lakes (80,000 citizens & property owners)*

*Wisconsin Wildlife Federation*

*Clean Wisconsin*

*Badger Fly Fishers*

*Dupage Rivers Fly Tyers*

*M&M Great Lakes Sport Fisherman*